PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 03-912)

In re Application of:	)	
Robert A West et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3691
	)	
Serial No.: 10/680,455	)	Confirmation No.: 4509
	)	
Filed: October 7, 2003	)	Examiner: Shrestha, Bijendra K
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 9, 2008

Dear Examiner:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2008 ("Office Action"), Applicants provide the following remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and
Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.